

REMARKS

It is acknowledged that the Examiner considers the subject-matter of Claims 1-28 allowable with regard to the prior art.

The claims have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 112. Mainly, the expression "transmission of the blocks" has been replaced by "transmission of blocks", since the block transmission can be restarted from different restarting points.

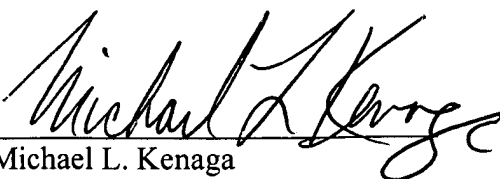
It should be noted that, according to claim 1, the second unit returns to the first unit a restart command signal for restarting the block transmission. The restart command signal can be generic. On reception, this restart command signal is interpreted by the first unit, which then restarts the block transmission from a given block. This given block can be a first data block with regard to which an acknowledgement signal inconsistent with an identification signal has been returned (claim 5), a block following said first data block (claim 3), or a block selected as a function of a restart configuration parameter (claim 7) for instance.

Therefore, there is no need to further limit the subject-matter of claim 1, since the restart command signal may only indicate that the block transmission must be restarted, without specifying what blocks should be retransmitted.

It is believed that the rejection should be withdrawn and a patent be granted on the basis of the claims as amended.

In view of the foregoing comments and Amendment, the Examiner is requested to find the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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